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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even today the electricity has not reached to 45 per cent population in the country;

(b) if so, the details of population still deprived of electricity connections, State/ UT-wise; and

(c) the action being taken by the Government to bridge this gap?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

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(a) & (b) : As per Census 2011, there were 16.78 crore rural households in the country and 7.50 crore rural households were un-electrified. State-wise details are presented at Annexure.

As on 30.06.2017, 2.63 Crore BPL households have been provided free electricity connection under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana.

(c) : In order to provide access to electricity to all rural households and also ensure quality and reliability of power supply in rural areas, Govt. of India has launched a comprehensive scheme 'Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana' (DDUGJY) in December, 2014 with the objectives of (i) Village Electrification; (ii) Providing access to households; (iii) Feeder Separation; (iv) Strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution network and (v) Metering. Under the scheme, free electricity connections are provided to BPL households, and electricity connection to APL households is given by the respective States / DISCOMs as per extant rules.

Providing '24 hours' electricity to all households is the responsibility of concerned State Government/Power Utility. However, to supplement the efforts of the States, Government of India has taken up a joint initiative with all States/UTs for preparation of State specific documents for providing 24x7 power supply to all households/homes, industrial & commercial consumers and adequate supply of power to agricultural consumers as per State policy. All the State Governments and Union Territories have signed the "24X7 Power For All" agreement with the Union Government.

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